

To-morrow the Legislative Council will be called upon to deal with the question of Customs Tariffs—to choose between the retention of our present Tariff and the acceptance of the Canadian one, upon entering the Dominion. The Legislature has now the answer of the Canadian Government with regard to being allowed to make certain alterations in the British Columbia Tariff and it must be convinced now, if it was not convinced before, that the choice lies not between an amended tariff and the Canadian one, but between the British Columbia Tariff, as it existed when the Terms were first negotiated, and the Canadian one. Such being the case, we cannot see why the Legislature should hesitate to accept the Canadian Tariff. True, the question has been raised as to whether the present Legislature has the right of choice; but we must be excused if we say that there does not appear to be any ground for raising such a doubt. Whatever doubt may now be experienced by any of the Delegates on this point, they did not entertain the slightest doubt upon the subject on their return from Ottawa. The Terms themselves convey no such doubt. The allusion to the matter in the Governor's Speech, in opening the present session of the Legislature, would not justify the belief that the Executive had any such doubt. The reply of the Canadian Government to the request of our own Government to be permitted to make certain alterations in the Tariff does not suggest such doubt. On the contrary, everything points to a different conclusion. The Canadian Government is solely moved by a desire to ascertain the mind of British Columbia on this point; and it appears to us to be idle to pretend that British Columbia has not a right to make her mind known till after Union. This would, indeed, appear to be the proper time, the present Legislature the proper one to make a choice between the two tariffs. The Tariff question was made a distinct and prominent issue at the polls in every District; and if there be one question more than another upon which the present Legislature has a right to speak in the name and on behalf of the people, it is that of customs tariffs. If we look to the other side of the Rocky Mountains we shall find something to our present purpose. It will be remembered that a Convention met at Fort Garry about a year ago, in the name of the people of the Red River Settlement, for the purpose of indicating a basis of Union with Canada. Amongst other things, the Convention asked that the Customs Tariff at that time in force in that settlement, which imposes the merely nominal rate of five per cent ad valorem upon imports, might be continued for three years, or until the establishment of railway communication. The wish thus expressed was recognized and acted upon by the Canadian Government, and the constitution of Manitoba framed at Ottawa provides for the continuance of that tariff. If the wish of the people of that settlement so loosely expressed by delegates called together under an unconstitutional Government was deemed to present sufficient data for the Canadian Government to work upon, how much more must the wish of the people of British Columbia, so unequivocally expressed through a constitutional Legislature merit the attention of the Government of Canada. With due respect to those who fancy they discover in this matter ground for doubt, we confess that we can see no reason for doubting that it was the bona fide intention from first to last of all the parties to the negotiations that the present Legislature should be submitted the choice between the retention of our present tariff and the acceptance of the Canadian one. It may be remarked, since allusion has been made to the case of the Red River Settlement, that Manitoba elected to retain its old tariff because it imposed a rate of duties infinitely lower than that of the Canadian tariff; whereas British Columbia will act wisely in accepting the Canadian tariff because it imposes a rate of duties greatly lower than that of our present tariff.

Premature Decay of Fruit-Trees.
Three weeks and two days ago we drew attention to the premature decay of certain fruit-trees in this vicinity, and invited those familiar with the subject to shed light upon it. The invitation has been promptly responded to by a controversy which has evoked both talent and temper, and which should not be wholly without profit to the student. It is with no wish either to mix in the controversy or to obstruct its progress that we now invite attention to views expressed in the *Gardener's Chronicle*, the highest English authority upon this class of subjects. The observations are in reply to a correspondent who complains of the unfruitfulness and premature decay of his Apricots, Plums, Greengages, Oranges, and the writer in the *Chronicle* hesitates not to ascribe the mischief to the disastrous effect of old roots remaining in the soil upon new plantations, producing what is termed the fungus poison, which spreads among the roots of the tree, covering them with fungus, resulting in premature decay and

certain death unless its progress can be arrested, which would appear to be attended with very great difficulty. 'If the case admits of remedy,' says the *Chronicle*, 'it can only be by carefully cutting away every particle of the root which is diseased, and tracing out carefully the old roots from whence it is derived.' 'The fungus evil,' continues our English contemporary, 'is of far wider extent than cultivators often imagine. In our gardens it not only proves destructive to trees and shrubs, but to strawberry plants where the old stock has been dug in. In this case we are convinced it is a frequent cause of blight and other maladies which consist in a depressed state of vitality which does not allow the plant to arrive at perfection.' In this is a most matter, an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure, and it is recommended 'never to dig in anything which is sufficiently woody to produce fungus spores. Avoid leafmould which has not entered into a thorough stage of decomposition, so that the component parts cannot be recognized, and above all abhor the bottoms of old fagot ricks. Without the most careful treasuring,' continues the *Chronicle*, 'it is quite a lottery whether the new trees are not arrested in their growth after a few years and just as they are ready to come into full bearing their health often fails, and after a few more hopeless seasons of repeated disappointment the new plantation follows in the wake of the old.' We humbly submit to our more scientific readers whether these remarks may not be applicable to the local conditions, which form the subject of the pending controversy.

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MOCLURE STREET
Dancing Academy.
HELD AT
GYMNASIUM HALL VIEW STREET,
EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT.
A LONG AND PLEASANT EVENING
guaranteed to this class, as the usual arrangements have been made with a band of three musicians. The music will commence at 8 o'clock precisely and continue till 11.
for 1m
FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,
Founded in Victoria, B.C. Feb 24, 1860
THE POSITION OF THE SOCIETY AT
the end of 1870, as compared with the statement of 1869, is as follows:
1869. 1870.
A House, \$950 00 A House, \$3237 00
Land, 275 00 Land, 850 00
Furniture, 425 00 Furniture, 750 00
Savings Bank, 1000 00 In the Bank, 177 16
In the Bank, 289 93
\$3,339 93 \$5,059 16
Balance in favor of 1870, \$1,719 23
The following Officers have been elected for the year 1871:
S. DRIARD, President, re-elected
JULIUS RUEFF, Vice President, do
JOHN KIEMLER, Treasurer, do
H. PASSEKARD, Secretary, do
DIRECTORS:
PIERRE TISSET, re-elected
JOHN VOGLER, do
LUMLEY FRANKLIN, do
DR. POWELL, Medical Attendant,
THOS. CHAUVAU, Attendant at the Hospital.
Any person may become a member without distinction of religion or nationality. Every subscriber is admitted to the Hospital free of any charge, whatsoever—Doctor, Treatment, and Attendance, with all the comforts of a home rendered to them. Subscribers not wishing to enter the Hospital can consult the Doctor of the Society and get Medical advice free of charge.
Every Member of the Society is entitled to call on the Doctor at his residence at the reduced price of One Dollar each visit. Medicine, Free of Charge.
Saws Sharpened
Jas. Goudie
IN A NEW STYLE THAT WILL SAVE
half the labor usually expended in cutting wood. Give him a trial. Saws altered, keys fitted and general repairing done.
for FORT STREET OPPOSITE MRS. BAILEY'S

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SALE OF
Merchandise, Furniture.
Etc. Etc. Etc.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
WILL SELL ON
Friday, Feb. 10th, 1871
At his Salesroom, Yates Street,
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A.M.
A variety of MISCELLANEOUS MERCHANDISE.
—ALSO—
Furniture, Mahogany Sofas, Tables, Bedsteads, &c., Stoves and other effects
—ALSO—
2 large cases of OPIUM
for LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Auctioneer.
St. Andrew's Church CONCERT.
A CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
BY THE CHOIR,
kindly assisted by the Members of other Churches in the City, on
Thursday, the 9th of February, 1871,
COMMENCING AT 7:30 O'CLOCK, P.M.
Tickets of Admission, \$1.50 each. To be obtained of Members of the Committee and Ladies of the Congregation and Church Managers.
Beware of the BULL!
SWEDISH TURNIPS FOR SALE!
A LARGE AND CHOICE LOT OF SWEET
dish Turnips for sale low at
BROWN'S DAIRY FARM,
for 1m
BROWN'S DAIRY FARM, Beecroft Hill.

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AUCTION SALE
—OF—
TOWN LOTS
For Taxes
New Westminster B.C.
WHEREAS DEFAULT HAS BEEN MADE IN payment of Municipal Taxes due upon the undermentioned lots or portions of lots, NOTICE is hereby given that I will sell, by order of A. T. Bushby, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrate, at Public Auction on
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 1871,
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON,
At the Court House, New Westminster, the following lots or portions of lots:
Am't of Taxes. Total.
Arias, Thomas block 34, lot 9.....\$1 50
costs and expenses.....4 00 \$5 50
Bridgman, R block 22, lot 5.....1 25
costs and expenses.....4 00 5 25
Browne, W. H. J. block 30, lot 2.....2 25
costs and expenses.....4 00 6 25
Browne, J. R. G. block 12, lot 18.....3 75
costs and expenses.....4 00 7 75
Campbell, F. block 12, lot 2.....3 75
costs and expenses.....4 00 7 75
Dawler, Mrs. block 17, lot 6.....2 40
costs and expenses.....4 00 6 40
block 32, lot 10.....1 35
costs and expenses.....4 00 5 35
block 32, lot 10.....1 35
costs and expenses.....4 00 5 35
David, Jules block 24, lot 12.....2 62 1/2
costs and expenses.....4 00 6 62 1/2
Hodgson, R. W. block 33, lot 3.....1 35
costs and expenses.....4 00 5 35
Hill, John block 26, lot 10.....2 25
costs and expenses.....4 00 6 25
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Hobbs, Sarah block 29, lot 10.....2 62 1/2
costs and expenses.....4 00 6 62 1/2
Lecuyer, Armand block 9, lot 7.....1 50
costs and expenses.....4 00 5 50
Reed, Geo. block 9, lot 10.....1 50
block 10, lot 5.....1 50
block 10, lot 5.....1 50
block 30, lot 3.....2 25
block 32, lot 9.....1 35
costs and expenses.....12 00 20 10
Solby, W. H. D. block 16, lot 9.....2 25
block 27, lot 4.....1 65
block 32, lot 23.....1 50
costs and expenses.....8 00 13 40
By payment to me of any of the above amounts, together with the costs and expenses, on or before the day of sale, the lots or portions of lots in respect of which such payment is made will be withdrawn from sale.
HENRY V. EDMONDS,
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THE PIONEER CLOTHIER!
DEGS TO INFORM HIS FRIENDS AND patrons that he has opened a
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To be found in the city. Fashionable
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For all sizes and ages. Fresh additions to the Stock by every steamer.
Old friends and patrons are asked to call and examine.
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Johnson street opposite the Miner's Saloon. for

To Farmers.
WANTED.
100 TONS POTATOES,
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For which I will pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE
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AN ENTERTAINMENT
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A. B. MEADEN FOR THE BARK Golden Age. Apply to
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NOTICE
THE BUSINESS HERETOFORE CARRIED ON by the undersigned at Yale and Parkerville, British Columbia, has been sold to Mr. CHARLES O'FFENHEIMER of Yale, to whom all outstanding accounts in respect to the above mentioned business are to be paid.
C. STROUSS.
Victoria, Jan. 31, 1871.
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(SUCCESSOR TO JOHN MURRAY)
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Johnson Street.
MEATS OF THE BEST DESCRIPTION,
supplied on the most reasonable terms to Families, Hotels, & Shipping, and delivered Free of Charge.
A continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed upon my predecessor is respectfully solicited.
Jas 1
A CARD.
HAVING SOLD OUT THE STOCK IN Trade and Goodwill of the Victoria Market, Johnson street, to Mr. Thomas Eastman, I take this opportunity of thanking my friends and the public for past favors and solicit a continuance of the same for my successor.
Jas 1
JOHN MURRAY.

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